

Blanca E. Duarte
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

"The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Universal access to technology will change the way we understand information and each other. It is absolutely essential to the continuing evolution of an informed, educated, global society.

Sincerely,
Blanca E. Duarte"